Wisconsin Public Library Consortium
WPLC Board Meeting Agenda
February 20, 2017, 11:30 a.m.
In person: SCLS/WLA Headquarters, 4610 S Biltmore Lane, Madison, WI
GoToMeeting (Connection information below)

1. Call to order

2. Consent agenda

    a. Review agenda
    b. Approval of minutes from October 25, 2016
    c. Updates from previous meeting: Workgroup and Projects Update
        i. LEAP & SimplyE update
        ii. Steering Committee update
        iii. Historical & Local Digital Collections Committee
        iv. Update on Periodicals Project

3. Discussion/Action items

(Note: It's unlikely we will get through all discussion/action items in the time allotted for the meeting. We can discuss how to complete the other items at the meeting.)

Board Charge, Responsibilities, and 2017 Timeline
Background: As this is our first meeting of the year, we would like to review the Board charge, responsibilities, and 2017 timeline as background both for our work for the year and for our discussion of bylaws.

Additional documents: WPLC Board orientation packet 2017

Review of draft bylaws and discussion of Board weighting
Background: The Bylaws Workgroup has created a draft version of the bylaws, which were sent to the Board in January and also are included as an attachment to this agenda. There are two items that the Bylaws Workgroup felt needed further discussion by the Board: Article 5, Numbers 3 and 9. These two items relate to the representation on the Board. The Board has been discussing these articles by email, and email discussion is encouraged prior to the meeting. At the meeting, the project managers will summarize the discussion and potential options presented so far, and facilitate a process to discuss these articles. The rest of the bylaws will also be discussed, with the goal of returning all suggestions to the Bylaws Workgroup to complete their work.

Additional documents: Second draft of revision of bylaws

Recommendation of Formula Workgroup
Background: The Formula Workgroup convened in 2016 to develop a potential new formula for dividing costs for the buying pool, and has a recommendation to present to the Board for consideration and discussion.

Additional documents: Summary of Formula Workgroup

Questions for discussion:

    1. Are there any questions or concerns about changing the formula?
    2. What other things do we need to consider with this change in allocation to dividing the buying pool between the Consortium and Advantage accounts?

Formation of Budget Committee

Background: It's time for us to form our annual Budget Committee. Last year, we decided that the Budget Committee would consist of:

- The Board Chair
- The Board Liaison to the Steering Committee
- A representative from any Board Subcommittee (currently the Historical and Local Digital Collections Committee)
- A volunteer from the Board

At this meeting, we should confirm the members and ask for volunteers from the Board.

Additional documents: None

Questions for discussion:

1. Does the Board wish to keep the makeup of the Budget Committee the same as last year?
2. Who would like to serve on the Committee as the Board volunteer?

End of the year budget: assigning carryover

Background: Each year, we take the funds not spent by the Consortium in the previous year and allocate them to the appropriate budget for the current year. This year, we have the following funds remaining:

$10,370 in donations: Suggest we allocate to digital content

$1,411.60 in other income: This is income for the newspaper project (upload costs) so it should go there.

$95,319.91 in digital content: Suggest we allocate to digital content

$12,819.00 in newspaper project: Should remain with the newspaper project

$1,318.56 in magazine pilot: Suggest we allocate it back to reserve.

$5,000 in R&D: Suggest we allocate it to R&D

$11,781.40 in reserve (minus unbudgeted expenses and $1.00 less collected in buying pool income): Suggest we allocate it to reserve

$3,330 in unallocated carryover from last year: Suggest we allocate it to the buying pool (from donations)

Additional documents: 2016 end of year budget

Questions for discussion:

1. Are there any questions or concerns about the proposed allocation?

User & Non-User Survey Workgroup Recommendation

Background: In October, the WPLC Board approved a proposal from Morrill Solutions Research for a process to train the library community on gathering quality data, to fund library-developed surveys to understand user and non-users in the state, and analyze the resulting data. The components and results of these surveys will be shared with all WPLC member systems and libraries. Earlier this month, the Workgroup met to approve a process with associated costs, which is drafted and awaiting final review from the Workgroup.

Additional documents: The approved process and funding recommendation will be sent this week, as soon as possible.

Questions for discussion:

1. Though there are details to determine, does the WPLC Board approve of the general process presented?
2. If the process is approved, does the Board have recommendations for how to fund the 2017 User / Non-User Survey?
3. If the process is approved, who should have priority for enrolling in the webinars and submitting proposals: member libraries, system staff, or first-come-first-serve?
4. Are there any other concerns or questions about the proposed process?

Discussion of annual meeting
Background: Our next meeting will be the WPLC Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the Steering Committee. What goals would we like to accomplish at this meeting? Are there any specific concerns that we need to address?

Additional documents: None

Questions for discussion:

1. What goals do we have for the Annual Meeting?
2. Are there specific concerns we need to address?

Califa Copyright Reform Statement Update
Background: At the October 25, 2016 meeting, the WPLC Board voted in favor of supporting and signing the Library Copyright Reform Statement, drafted by Califa and presented to various library consortia around the country.

The Statement proposes the following:

- Publishers and ebook vendors should negotiate acceptable licensing terms with libraries rather than present terms that offer libraries 2 choices: a) accept the terms or b) don't provide access to the materials through the public library.
- Let libraries own what they purchase.
- Let libraries host their own purchased content on platforms that conform to DRM standards.
- Amend copyright law to ensure licensing terms do not supercede copyright exceptions, provisions and fair use protections.

Paula Mackinnon of Califa, has sent a link to the Statement that asks that WPLC designate an individual contact as the signer on behalf of the WPLC.

The goal of the statement moving forward is to promote the statement at the local and national levels in order to increase awareness among library staff as to this specific issue around copyright, licensing and ebooks, and to demonstrate strong support on this issue to those who can help effect change including the Copyright Office and Congress.

Paula did say she was unsuccessful in getting the Librarian of Congress to agree to participate in the petition.

In addition, Paula is looking for feedback in how we think the Statement and accompanying information should be shared. Ex. Would the Statement in 'resolution' format make it easier to present to audiences?

Additional documents: Statement: https://www.change.org/p/library-copyright-reform-statement-about-ebooks-sign-on?recruiter=621104411&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink

Discussion questions:

1. Who should serve as the individual representative for the WPLC when signing the Statement?
2. How can we present the Statement to audiences around the state?

4. Meeting evaluation

How did the meeting go? Was everyone participating? How might we improve for our next meeting?

5. Adjournment

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